

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 10-27 (canceled)

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28. (re-presented - formerly independent claim 10) A composition for producing plane structures, comprising at least one cationic starchy material and at least one sulfonated starchy material.

29. (former claim 11, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 28, wherein the sulfonated starchy material is selected from the group consisting of sulfocarboxylated starches, sulfoalkoylated starches and sulfoalkenylated starches.

30. (former claim 12, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 29, wherein the sulfonated starchy material is selected from the group consisting of monosulfocarboxylated and disulfocarboxylated starches.

31. (former claim 13, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 28, comprising a weight ratio of the cationic starchy material(s) to the sulfonated starchy material(s), of between 10/1 and 1/10.

32. (former claim 14, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 28, comprising a weight ratio of the cationic starchy material(s) to the sulfonated starchy material(s), of between 10/1 and 1/5.

33. (former claim 15, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 28, comprising a weight ratio between the cationic starchy material(s) to the sulfonated starchy material(s), of between 5/1 and 1/4.

34. (former claim 16, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 28, ~~wherein it is~~ in the form of a solid mixture, containing at least one granular cationic starchy material and at least one granular sulfonated starchy material.

35. (former claim 17, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~16~~ 34, ~~wherein it is~~ in the form of a powdered material.

36. (former claim 18, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 28, ~~wherein it is~~ in the form of a suspension, containing at least one granular cationic starchy material and at least one granular sulfonated starchy material.

37. (former claim 19, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 36, ~~wherein it is~~ in the form of an aqueous suspension.

38. (former claim 20, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 28, ~~wherein it is~~ in the form of a size.

39. (former claim 21, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 28, ~~wherein it is~~ in the form of an aqueous size.

40. (part of former claim 22, currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim ~~20~~ 39, comprising non-solubilized starchy structures.

41. (part of former claim 22) The composition as claimed in claim 40, comprising granular structures, whether swollen or not, and/or complexes associating the cationic starchy material with the sulfonated starchy material.

42. (former claim 23, currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~10~~ 28, wherein at least one of the cationic and sulfonated starchy materials consists of a cereal starch.

43. (former claim 24, currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~23~~ 42, wherein the cereal starch is a corn starch.

44. (former claim 25, currently amended) A process for producing plane structures, wherein a composition ~~as claimed in claim 10~~ 29, comprising at least one cationic starchy material and at least one sulfonated starchy material is employed.

45. (part of former claim 25) A process according to claim 44 wherein the plane structures are paper, board or films.

46. (part of former claim 26, currently amended) A process for the internal treatment of plane structures, wherein within the mass constituting such a structure and during its formation, use is made in at least one ~~or more~~ steps of a composition ~~as claimed in claim 10~~ 28 comprising at least one cationic starchy material and at least one sulfonated starchy material.

47. (part of former claim 26) A process according to claim 46 wherein the plane structures are paper.

48. (former claim 27, currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 26 47, wherein the composition is used in an amount of 2 to 12% expressed in total dry weight of cationic and sulfonated starchy materials based on the dry weight of the mass constituting the said structure.

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